

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action of July 25, 2008, in which claims 9, 10 and 12-19 are presently pending. Of those, claims 9, 10 and 12-19 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,622,083 to Knockeart, et al. For the following reasons, however, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

As an initial matter, various specification paragraphs have been amended as set forth above in order to correct typographical errors discovered therein.

With respect to the §103 rejections of record, claim 10 has been cancelled and claim 9 has been amended to more clearly point out further details concerning the agenda replication process outlined in Figures 3 and 4, and in paragraphs [0066]-[0071] of the specification. In particular, the portable agenda replication device updates the agenda in the middle of a multiple-stop trip by determining whether a travel agenda table stored in the vehicle navigation system matches that stored in the portable agenda replication device and, in the event there is not a match, updating a calendar item in the vehicle navigation system with agenda information from a calendar item in the portable agenda replication device and, once a determination is made that the agenda information in the vehicle navigation system matches the information stored in the portable agenda replication device, selecting all items in the travel agenda table stored in the vehicle navigation system that do not have a calculated route associated therewith.

In maintaining the present claim rejections as being obvious over the teachings of Knockeart, the Examiner takes the position that aspects relating to agenda updating are obvious, in that one skilled in the art would have found it obvious to simply transmit updated data from the portable device to the GPS device (i.e., overwriting the “old” data

in the GPS with the “new” data in the portable device). However, the claimed methodology does more than simply transmit information from the portable device to the vehicle device for updating purposes. Rather, the claimed methodology further implements an agenda comparison prior to updating the navigation system data and, where needed, automatically calculates routes for such agenda items not previously having routes.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed agenda comparison is neither disclosed in Knockart, nor is it obvious to add such a feature to the teachings of Knockart.

For the above stated reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. No new matter has been entered. However, if any fees are due with respect to this Amendment, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 09-0458 maintained by Applicants’ attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,
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